Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):*

(*a*) 1. Parappukara Panchayat road and
2. Pynkulam-Killimangalam road.

(*b*) Both the roads mentioned above have not been transferred to this Department.

Mr. K. Kunhirama Menon *(Cheruthuruthy):* May I know the year in whicn these recommendations were made ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* These recommendations were made along with the last Road Board Report. The Parappukkara Panchayat road was to be transferred after the completion of the Konthipulam embankment. That work is only being just finished. Secondly Pynkulam—Killimangalam road was proposed to be transferred after the repairs to that road. According to the programme of the last Road Board we did an embankment of the road and in the proposals of the present Road Board they have suggested extensive repairs to the road. After these repairs this road will also be transferred to P. W. D.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know, Sir, whether it is the position of the Government that the Pynkulam Killimangalam road will be transferred to the P. W. D. only after it is properly repaired by the Panchayat Department.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Not by the Panchayat Department. The provision for the repairs had been made in the Road Board programme. After that work has been completed we shall be taking it over to the P. W. D.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Which is the agency, Sir, that has to utilise the funds provided by the Road Board as far as repairs are concerned.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* P. W. D.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* When will it be taken up ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Vadkancheri):* That will be taken up according to the programme which is yet to be fixed.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Will the question of priority be considered, Sir, in view of the very great importance of this road connecting two important places of business, Cheruthuruthi and Chelakkara.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* The Road Board is to decide. I shall bring this to their pointed attention.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know, whether the work of the Konthupulam road is complete.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* It is nearing completion.

Mr. Joseph Pettah *(Adur):* May I know the grounds advanced by the Road Board for the transfer of these roads from the Panchayat to the P. W. D.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* The Road Board thought that the connection between Chelakkara and Pynkulam was important and that the present road was in such a condition that it will not take heavy traffic, so it was suggested that since sufficient allotment is not given to the Panchayat to keep that road in proper condition it may be got transferred to Public Works.

CIVIL SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT—AUDIT OF

118. Mr. P. P. Devassy *(Trichur-South):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

1. (*a*) whether the audit of the Civil Supplies Department has been completed;
(*b*) when was it commenced, and what is the strength of the auditing staff;
(*c*) what is the period in respect of which the audit is made;
2. will the Government be pleased to give an approximate idea of the result of the audit so far made?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):*

1. (*a*) The audit is in progress.
(*b*) The audit commenced in 1118. The Special Audit Staff consists of 1 Special Audit Officer and 5 auditors. The number of auditors has been raised to 7 from 1st Edavam 1119.
(*c*) From the very inception of the Food Supplies Department.
2. Until the audit is completed it is impossible to assess the result.

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